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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 100-4804

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/8/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/16,24,28/44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. <i>W.B.W.</i>
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE ^① MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject applied for a renewal of his passport on 8/20/43 for a contemplated trip of 6 months duration to Mexico for the purpose of mining interests. Passport was refused by the State Department on 9/16/43; refusal notice placed in file.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ELDON W. STUTZMAN dated August 4, 1944, at Los Angeles, California

DETAILS: The subject in this case is carried as a key figure in the Los Angeles Field Division.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Confidential National Defense Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, produced the passport file of the subject, and the following information was noted therein.

On August 20, 1943, VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON filed an application to renew his passport No. 672331, which was issued to him on October 30, 1940, for a contemplated trip of 6 months duration to Mexico.

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for the purpose of mining and shipping antimony ores from Sonora, Mexico, to United States smelters. He intended leaving Nogales, Arizona, immediately on the receipt of this passport, by automobile.

On September 16, 1943, the State Department declined to renew this passport in the exercise of the discretion conferred upon it by law. A refusal notice was placed in subject's passport file on September 23, 1943, for the reason that the subject had been reported to be a member of the Communist Party since 1933. It should be noted that a refusal notice has the effect of requiring that subsequent passport applications be referred to the Fraud Section of the Department of State prior to any action being taken on the passport application by the Passport Division.

The last address given by the subject was 430 South Walker Street, San Pedro, California.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Los Angeles, California

FILE NO. 100-995

REPORT MADE AT San Diego, California	DATE WHEN MADE 9-7-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-14,15-44	REPORT MADE BY J. JEROME MAXWELL jlc
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record of subject at U. S. IANS, San Ysidro or San Diego, California. No record of subject at Post Office, San Ysidro, California.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ELDON W. STUTZMAN at Los Angeles, California dated August 4, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA

Mr. W. L. SIDES, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised on August 14, 1944 after checking his files that he could find no record of the subject.

On the same date Mr. EUGENE CORDEAU, Postmaster, San Ysidro, advised that the subject had never rented a post office box in the San Ysidro Post Office. He further stated that he could not recall the subject's ever having received any mail at the San Ysidro Post Office. Mr. CORDEAU contacted the other employees at the post office and all stated that they did not know the subject. Mr. CORDEAU concluded by saying that if the subject had ever lived in San Ysidro, California he would probably be known by either Mr. LORENZO JUDD, Immigration Desk, or Mr. FRED B. SMITH, Smith Avenue, San Ysidro.

On August 14, 1944 Mr. LORENZO JUDD and Mr. FRED B. SMITH were contacted but neither knew the subject.

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On August 15, 1944 Mrs. FRANCES BLISS, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service advised she could locate no record for the subject.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-2158**

REPORT MADE AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA	DATE WHEN MADE 9-15-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-4-5-44	REPORT MADE BY HERMAN E. TICKEL GAS
TITLE VOINEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GUSTAVO BENSON, Manager of the Benson's Tourist Exchange Office, Nogales, Arizona, not involved in Communist activities. Has good reputation in Nogales. BENSON met subject in connection with obtaining passports for him. Subject departed from San Pedro, California, 8-31-44, to continue mining activities near Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **ELDON W. STUTZMAN**, Los Angeles, California, dated August 4, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT NOGALES, ARIZONA

Mr. J. A. McGIMSEY, Chief of Police, advised agent that he has known **GUSTAVO BENSON** for approximately ten years. For the past five years BENSON has been operating the Benson's Tourist Exchange office at Nogales, Arizona. His office exchanges money and assists in obtaining passports for people entering Mexico from the United States. He resides in Nogales, Arizona, and is married to a United States citizen. Mr. McGIMSEY stated that BENSON has a good reputation in Nogales and, to his knowledge, has never been engaged in Communist activities.

Mr. McGIMSEY discreetly made inquiries concerning BENSON's association with subject. He found that BENSON met subject in connection

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with obtaining passports for subject. It was also learned that subject departed from San Pedro, California, on August 31, 1944, for Mexico to continue his mining activities near Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Subject was reported to be a quiet type of individual who never discussed politics. BENSON recently had inquires from an officer of the Naval Intelligence relative to subject's activities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : R. B. Hood, SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, w.as.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: September 14, 1944

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 6, 1944, indicating that Subject's activities may be in connection with the NKVD.

Subject's activities in the Los Angeles area have for some time not been connected with the activities of the Communist Party itself, and accordingly, his name is being removed from the Key Figure List of the Los Angeles Field Division.

Further investigation in this case will be directed along the lines of determining whether he is engaged in any espionage activities, and further reports will carry the character of Internal Security - R.

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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE 11/6/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/9,29; 9/5,6,12,15,20,21,25,28,29; 10/3/44	REPORT MADE BY ELDON W. STUTZMAN MJ
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reported engaged in mining operations in Hermosillo, Mexico and in partnership with one ED WONG, a Chinese who resides in Los Angeles. Results of mail cover set forth. Bank account reflects activities in Tucson and Nogales, Arizona and Hermosillo, Mexico. Subject in applying for projectionist license in Los Angeles claims to have been employed in Caborca, Mexico as a projectionist for four years. Subject's record reflects extensive activities over past few years in mining and radio. Subject corresponded in 1932 with Moscow News relative to position with that paper.

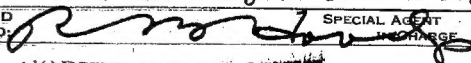

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 9/6/44; report of Special Agent Eldon W. Stutzman dated 8/4/44 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS: AT WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA.

Source A advised that the subject's mail accumulated in his post office box during the month of July and that early in August the subject appeared at the post office to collect his mail. At that time the subject sent a registered letter to MISS LILLIAN L. DARNELL,

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3821 Wightman Street, San Diego, California. The return address on this letter was for DAVID BRINKLEY, General Delivery, Wilmington, California. Source A stated that he was not acquainted with anyone by the name of BRINKLEY living in the Wilmington area and that to his knowledge mail for this individual had not been received through the Wilmington Post Office. Through the courtesy of Source A the reporting agent learned that the subject had recently received letters from the following sources:

<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON	X TAPIA, HERMANOS, S.A., Apartado Postal #20, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.
CARL M. DARRELL	S. J. SUMNERS, New Amsterdam Casualty Company, 4044 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.
VOLNEY G. MATHISON	OPA, 110 E. Anahiem, Wilmington, California.
VOLNEY G. MATHISON	Post Office Box 468, Long Beach, California.
VOLNEY G. MATHISON	Department of Building and Safety, City Hall, Los Angeles, California.
VOLNEY MATHISON	Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California.

Source A also advised that a letter directed to the Wilmington Post Office had been received and that the subject listed his address as Tucson, Arizona on August 22, 1944, requesting that the mail in Post Office Box 422 for the Terminal Radio Company and for VOLNEY G. MATHISON be delivered to MR. ED WONG.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Source B advised that the subject's checking account with the Farmers and Merchants Bank at 11th and American Avenue reflected the following activity:

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<u>Payor</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
VOLNEY G. MATHISON	TAPIA A. HERMANOS	June 10, 1944	\$100.00
(The above check contained the following notation: "Account truck payment Marcelino Sotelo, La Misa", and was deposited for payment in the First National Bank, Nogales, Arizona.)			
VOLNEY MATHISON	BOB BARRETT	August 20, 1944	46.42
(This check was deposited in the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Company, Tucson and endorsed by BOB BARRETT.)			
VOLNEY G. MATHISON	G. BENSON	August 21, 1944	120.83
(Check endorsed by G. BENSON, Benson Tourist Service, Nogales, Arizona and deposited in the First National Bank of Nogales.)			
VOLNEY G. MATHISON	C. MARTANEZ	August 23, 1944	100.00
(This check was endorsed Pagueze a La Orden de Bank of America, Los Angeles - Valor ar Hermosillo, Sonora)			

Source B advised that as of September 15, 1944 the subject's balance was \$12.17 and his account reflected deposits of \$100.00 on August 29th and \$120.00 on September 5th.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The results of a thirty-day mail cover maintained on the subject's residence address, 1100 S. Berendo, Los Angeles, apartment 103, are as follows:

<u>Addressee</u>	<u>Addressor</u>	<u>Postmarked</u>
MRS. JEAN MATHISON	N. L. WRAY, 415 Elm Ave., Long Beach, Calif.	July 19, 1944
MRS. DOROTHY J. MATHISON	California Bank, PO #3666, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles.	July 21, 1944
MRS. JEAN MATHISON	JANE JONES, 201 North Rampart St., Los Angeles	July 22, 1944
MRS. V. G. MATHISON	B. MATHISON, 1162 - 32nd St., Oakland, Calif.	July 27, 1944

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MRS. DOROTHY JEAN MATHISON

GEORGE G. COLLINS,
640 S. Pacific,
San Pedro, Calif.

July 27, 1944

MRS. J. MATHISON

"In Fact", 25 Astor
Place, New York, NY

August 1, 1944

JEAN MATHISON

VOLNEY G. MATHISON,
La Misa, Sonora,
Mexico.

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MRS. JEAN MATHISON

Pvt. AUDREY R. BARHAM,
A920061, Sqd. W, 464th
AAF, Base Unit, McChord
Field, Wash.

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On August 29, 1944 Source C contacted the reporting agent to advise that the subject had received a projectionist license on that date.

From the Department of Building and Safety of the City of Los Angeles it was ascertained that the subject in completing his application for the above-mentioned projectionist license had indicated he had been employed as a projectionist at the Estrella Theater, Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, for the period from September 1940 to August 1944. The subject listed his residence address as 415 Elm Street, Long Beach, California, and his mailing address as Box 422, Wilmington, California.

Source C was unable to advise whether the subject secured employment as a projectionist but stated that if he did so, it would undoubtedly be secured through Projectionists Local 150 (AF of L), 1489 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, California. The subject presently holds license #867, which is valid until January 1, 1945, at which time it will be necessary that he secure a renewal if he is employed in the City of Los Angeles.

Source D was contacted and advised that he is presently attempting to locate the subject to secure payment of installments on the automobile which was purchased through the Pacific Finance Company, 1525 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles.

Source D subsequently advised that he had contacted the subject's wife, MRS. JEAN MATHISON, who advised the subject was engaged in mining operations in Mexico and that to her knowledge he had not purchased a 1937 Chevrolet on an installment plan. The above Source stated that after

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some discussions with MRS. MATHISON, it was agreed she would send a telegram to her husband in Mexico, requesting immediate payment or return of the automobile. MRS. MATHISON stated that her husband might have used the name of CARL M. DARRELL as a nom de plume, but that she was sure her husband had not purchased a car using that name to show ownership.

On about September 15, 1944 Source D received a long distance telephone call from the subject, in which he stated that the installments on the automobile would be brought up to date. MATHISON claimed he was taking care of the matter for DARRELL but that he was not DARRELL. He stated that the automobile had been wrecked but did not say where.

Source D pointed out that if the automobile had been demolished, the insurance would take care of the payments, but the subject advised that he believed DARRELL decided to continue installment payments and that he was sending a check for \$100.00 immediately.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Howard H. Davis:

At the Los Angeles County Voter's Registry, 808 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, it was noted that MRS. AGNES L. PALLISARD of 1100 S. Berendo Street, Los Angeles, had registered to vote on February 20, 1943, at which time she gave her birthplace as Michigan and declined to state her political affiliations.

CHARLES N. PALLISARD of the same address registered on the same date, gave his birthplace as Indiana, his occupation as manager and his political affiliation as Democratic. Both were shown to have arrived in Los Angeles County June 1, 1942.

Special Agent William C. Ritt ascertained on September 21, 1944 that the Los Angeles Retail Merchant's Credit Association had no record of either MR. or MRS. PALLISARD.

At room 248, Los Angeles City Hall, it was ascertained that JOHN A. HANN, 558 Radcliffe Avenue, Pacific Palisades, California, is the owner of the property at 1100 S. Berendo Street.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office were negative as to the PALLISARDS; however, it was noted that on May 21, 1940 JOHN A. HANN of 1100 S. Berendo Street, appeared at this Field Office and advised he was in

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the real estate business in Los Angeles; that he was acquainted with the City, and was desirous of being of assistance in the war effort.

The records of the Los Angeles County Voters Registry reflected that HANN was born in Canada and was naturalized through his father, PATRICK HANN, and is a registered Republican.

MR. HANN was interviewed at his residence and advised he is not acquainted with the present tenants of his property at 1100 S. Berendo Street, inasmuch as he leased the property on September 14, 1942 to the PALLISARDS, under a deal where the property, which grosses \$670.00 a month, is split \$300.00 to him and \$370.00 to the PALLISARDS. He advised that the PALLISARDS formerly worked in the hotels up and down the Pacific Coast and that he understood that MR. PALLISARD last held a position as assistant manager of a large hotel in San Francisco which was taken over by the United States Government sometime following Pearl Harbor. He stated that the PALLISARDS are very close mouthed but that he recalled on one occasion that he, HANN, had referred to a man in apartment 205 as a Communist, and that PALLISARD himself had on several occasions referred to the same individual as a Communist, using the term in a derogatory manner.

It was noted through observation at 1100 S. Berendo Street that MR. and MRS. VOLNEY MATHISON are listed at apartment 103.

Through Source E it was ascertained that the subject has a small identification or membership booklet which acknowledged a contribution of \$5.00 for the month of August (year not shown), stating, "make the industrial section the dynamo of the Trade Union Movement", and was signed by LIBBY CORNGOLD, 431 S. Cummings St., Los Angeles, California, as chairman of the Financial Committee, Industrial Section. This subject also has five letters on the letterhead of the Moscow News and signed by J. REISBORD, "Readers Service Department", all dated in July or September 1932 and addressed to him at 2011 10th Avenue, Oakland, California. These letters acknowledged articles which the subject sent for publication. One letter states in part "your letter for application for work was sent to the proper authorities with our recommendation. It is a very bad period to apply for work since very few applicanats are being considered; one reason for this is the great shortage in rooms. However, I wish to look and will let you know just as soon as I have any information."

In a letter dated December 15, 1942 on the letterhead of the Latin American Research Company, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, and signed by G. BENSON, vice-president, he states that the subject has been employed by

the company as a supervisor of installation operations and maintenance of Diesel electric power and lighting equipment of various types, including portable units, milling plants and Marine Diesel electric equipment. The letter further states that subject is leaving only because war conditions have curtailed all of the company's gold mining operations.

In a letter dated January 7, 1943 the subject solicited the Newberry Electric Company, 1038 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, for a job and mentions that he had been employed on the ships "Tango" and "Rex" by MR. A..STRALLA and that since that employment had been employed as chief engineer by a Mexican Gold Mining Company, which had virtually ceased operating on account of war conditions.

In a letter dated October 13, 1943 at Wilmington, California, the subject wrote to confidential source of information as follows:

"I have no idea whether you are still around Washington; but if you are I would appreciate it greatly if you would find out for me what I can do, if anything, to get off the Navy's bolshevik list. I went through with a local hearing at San Pedro in July 1942 and I have a fair idea the local navy board recommended taking me off that informal list but after about three months I got a letter from Washington saying I was still on it.

"I am not in the least interested in going to sea but being on this damn list is doing me a lot of unfair damage as it seems to me that the fact has been transmitted to other outfits than the Navy and every once in a while I get a bad kick back from it. I have heard that a lot of the real gents such as TABAKMAN, PERLMAN, VAN ERAAN, etc. have been removed from this list, so I don't see what in hell I am doing on it. After hearing from Washington that I was still on the list last year, I wrote to the ACA sent them all the dope; they never even answered my letter and I have ceased membership in that outfit too.

"My personal opinion is that Stalin and his government are 100% OK for the Russians but for my part I would no doubt be shot immediately under such a government on a charge of being an incorrigible individualist. Even if I had been in the least interested in the communists I would certainly have quit them cold when they were caught with their pants down picketing on the White House lawn at the very moment the Germans were marching into Russia. At one moment Roosevelt was a snake in the grass;

next week he is the saviour of mankind. Nobody could possible make such a jackass of me as that. I wish to pete the Navy could get it through its head that it is now many years since I have had any contact whatever with any kind or sort of political outfit, except membership in the ACA and I have dumped that also. There is nothing whatever in all this stuff; it does not pay your bills, at least it never paid mine. The trip I made to Russia in 1933 was financed by the IT&T, or at least A. V. TUEL handed me the money for expenses; it was to dicker for a circuit from"

Photographs of the above-mentioned letters have been obtained and are being retained in the file.

The subject has a photograph of a number of individuals in a group; some of these individuals appeared to be Mexican and the locale appeared to be in the desert. It is noted that there is a 1938 Chevrolet coupe in the picture which has California license 5 A 7143. Stamped on the back of this picture is the date May 2, 1940. The California Department of Motor Vehicles was requested by letter of September 28, 1944 to furnish the registration for the above license.

Source E further advised that subject has a letter which he maintains under the heading of "JEAN", which is dated March 19th at Nogales, addressed to "Honeybunch" and speaks about using the automobile as stationary machinery and also speaks of MANSON and BENSON, stating that MANSON is getting his Mexican papers for him. The letter goes on to state that "Old Crook Conlin" came through about three weeks ago and introduced a blonde to MANSON and BENSON as his wife. It was further stated that one JOHNNIE at Tijuana and a group there are without zinc, cyanide or powder, the writer stating that he does not owe them anything and does not want them to know where he is and in a note to them indicated he was going back to sea. There appears on the back of this letter the penciled date April 30, 1942.

One F. C. BLICKENS DERFER, 1226 W. 84th Street, Los Angeles, wrote a letter dated September 2, 1941 to the subject with regard to building a mill on subject's property. It has been ascertained from Source G that FRANK C. and HATTIE BLICKENS DERFER moved from 1222 W. 84th Street on March 25, 1943, giving a forwarding address of c/o Park Hotel, Deming, New Mexico.

The subject's Z number, as reflected on seaman's receipt for duplicate papers dated June 29, 1942, is Z-2 05085.

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He has an Aetna Life Insurance Company policy #P-822075 on DOROTHY JEAN MATHISON for \$1000, and in 1941 and 1942 the subject as JOHN G. MATHISON, together with his wife, obtained a loan from the California Bank.

Source E reflects that the subject has considerable correspondence relative to his mining ventures, assay tests, smelters and mining investments. He has six assay receipts dated in 1940 for silver and gold from Wildberg Bros. Smelting and Refining Company, 635 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles. It is noted that in a letter dated October 24, 1940 this company stated, "enclosed please find report on your recent deposit of base boullion and placer gold, also our check for the net amount due you". The aforementioned six receipts reflect the subject received approximately \$1400.00 from this company for minerals transmitted to him.

Also noted through this Source was an assay certificate dated October 28, 1943 from ED EISENHAUER, JR., 320-322 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, for samples furnished by one GEORGE MELTON, which certificate reflected that the gold assayed \$31.15 per ton and the silver \$31.60 per ton. Several other EISENHAUER receipts dated in 1941 were made out to C. CONLIN. There were also 50 or more assay receipts from ALLISON J. GUNN, 543 E. Anahiem Street, Long Beach, dated in 1940 and 1941. During this same period of 1940 and 1941 the subject received a number of bills from the Braun Corporation in Los Angeles for laboratory supplies furnished to the Playfair Mining Company, which company, as previously noted, is the subjects.

In a letter dated July 20, 1942 MRS. CLARA L. YAEGER, apartment 2, Alamos, Sonora, Mexico; wrote to the subject in care of GUSTAVO BENSON, 104 Grand Avenue, Nogales, Arizona with regard to some "check covering screens", which subject had apparently attempted to purchase from her.

This Source also advised that as a possible interest it should be noted that the subject has written a number of cancelled checks, all dated in 1929 and signed by VOLNEY G. MATHISON as president of the "Radio Owners, Inc., 916 Broadway, and 9207 E. 14th Street, Oakland, California". The checks, which are 26 in number and made out on the Bank of Italy, run from \$1046.39 to \$5180.50, and are apparently all made out to business concerns.

Source C advised that the subject is apparently in partnership in his mining ventures with one WILLIAM SCHLEINE, whose father's address is 115 5th Street, Watertown, Wisconsin. Source C furnished photographic copies of contracts entered into by this individual and the subject and

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also apparent contracts and other communications between the subject and one VICTOR BELTRANE of Caborca, Sonora, Mexico. Photostatic copies of the last mentioned contracts and correspondence have been made, and upon their being developed, they will be further discussed in a subsequent report.

At apartment #6, 415 Elm Street, Long Beach, California, it was observed that the name MRS. W. J. WRAY appears on the door. It should be noted this is the address given by subject in applying for his projectionist permit.

The 1943-44 Long Beach City Directory reflects that MRS. NELLIE BAKER resides at 415 Elm Street and is the owner of the property.

CNDI [redacted] advised on January 5, 1942 that the subject entered Mexico on October 20, 1941 at Sonoyta, Sonora, the records showing that he proceeded to Hermosillo, Sonora. [redacted] further advised that in May 1941 subject was in the vicinity of the Sierra Pinta Mine near Rocky Point, Sonora, Mexico, and talked with MR. ANIBAL RICHARDS, owner of the mine. Subject was reported to have told MR. RICHARDS that he was a prospector seeking a deposit of quicksilver somewhere between Lobos and Tiburon Island on the West Coast of Mexico. He is further reported to have had in his possession a map of the West Coast of Mexico and to have stated he had a couple of men working as prospectors for him near Lobos.

On August 28, 1944 CNDI [redacted] advised he had been reliably informed that the subject had for several months been corresponding with one ED WONG, 4040 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, who is believed to be his business partner in a Mexican mining venture. WONG is described as a vegetable merchant of Chinese parentage and the mine in which they were interested was said to be a lead mine located near Dipo, eighty miles southwest of Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico. Subject's mailing address was said to be Calle Hidalgo Sur 131, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Subject is reported to have had trouble getting the mine started due to shortages of labor and material and because of seizures by prospectors, and he has contacted WONG in the procuring of financial assistance. According to this informant subject stated to WONG in a communication that after he was through with the mine he would join him in a partnership in raising synthetic tomatoes near San Clemente, California.

Informant [redacted] advised that communications between subject and WONG have usually been confined to business details relating to the mining ventures and that in a letter dated July 26, 1944 WONG wrote to the subject

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concerning one FELIX, and in the same letter mentioned HARRY WOLF and RUDY FLEISCHER. Informant stated that WOLF may be identical with one HARRY R. WOLF, member of the Pacific District, Local 3, American Communications Association.

Informant [] also advised on August 19, 1944 that the subject had sent many requests to WONG for money for machinery, material and labor in connection with a mining project, and on August 8, 1944 WONG wrote MATHISON he had cabled him \$250.00 in U. S. currency. WONG also advised subject that he planned to take a trip to Hermosillo via Nogales on October 1, 1944 unless the subject wished to see him before that date.

The files of this office reflect several references to an EDWARD DON WONG, 448 E. 41st Street, Los Angeles, who is reported to have on several occasions registered himself as an FBI agent. This WONG is described as age 28; born August 25, 1915; 5'9"; 196 lbs.; black hair; brown eyes, and married to a Caucasian woman named ELOISE. It is not believed that the two WONGS are identical. The files further reflect that a RUDOLF GUSTAV FLEISCHER (age 67), Z #28649, was on the crew list of the SS Lurline as a waiter. The Lurline sailed July 19, 1942 from San Diego. FLEISCHER was stated to have been born in Hungary; 5'2"; light complexion; dark hair; and his nearest of kin a niece M. BOWER of 2905 Creston Avenue, New York City. Through a telephone call to ED WONG, 4040 Dozier Street, Angelus 4845, it was ascertained that he is employed at 1600 Atlantic Street, VA 3044.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN DIEGO FIELD OFFICE

At San Ysidro, California, will place a stop with the Immigration and Naturalization Service to be advised of the subject's return to the United States if through that port of entry, and will make further arrangements for the subject's possessions to be carefully inspected at the Customs Office in the event he returns through San Ysidro.

PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE

At Nogales, Arizona, will at the Immigration and Naturalization Service border station, check the records for September 1944 to ascertain if subject crossed the border into Mexico, and if so, under what name or alias; his reason for crossing, and other what authority, noting that the Washington Field Division has advised that the subject applied for a renewal of his passport on August 20, 1943 for a contemplated trip of six months' duration to Mexico for the purpose of mining interests; that the passport was refused by the State Department on September 16, 1943 and a refusal notice placed in the file.

Will place a stop with the Immigration and Naturalization Service to be advised of subject's return to the United States, if through the Nogales port of entry, and will make further arrangements for the subject's possessions to be carefully inspected at the Customs Office in the event he returns through Nogales.

Will discreetly interview GUSTAVO BENSON relative to subject's activities in Mexico and will endeavor to find out the make and license number of the automobile subject is presently driving. In connection with this interview, it should be noted that, as set out in the details of this report, the subject has apparently been previously employed by MR. BENSON, and BENSON should be impressed with the fact he is to keep the interview confidential.

LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California, will summarize additional material received from Source E relating to mining contracts and correspondence between the subject and others.

Will interview ED WONG, 4040 Dozier Street or 1600 Atlantic Street, relative to his transmitting money from the United States to Mexico.

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Will interview CHARLES PALLISARD, manager of the apartment at 1100 S. Berendo Street, with regard to the activities of subject and his wife.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Source A - J. W. MacCABE, Superintendent of Mails,
Wilmington, California.
- Source B - W. R. HORTON, Assistant Cashier, Farmers and
Merchants Bank, 14th and American Avenue,
Long Beach, California.
- Source C - TOM MANNIX, Accounting Division, 201 City Hall,
Department of Building and Safety, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Source D - EDGAR A. BAIL, 624 S. LaBrea, Los Angeles.
(Skips, Inc., YO 1141, L.A.)
- Source E - Highly confidential source of information made
available by EARL DAVIS, 594 7th Street, San
Pedro, California.
- Source F - KARL BARSLAG, Washington, D. C.
- Source G - Superintendent of Mails WINNINGHOFF, Station H,
1041 W. Manchester, Los Angeles, Calif.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Los Angeles, California**

FILE NO. **100-995**

REPORT MADE AT San Diego, California	DATE WHEN MADE 12-1-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-13, 28-44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM R. WALLACE, JR. jlc
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Stop notices placed with IANS and U. S. Customs Service, San Ysidro, California.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ELDON W. STUTZMAN at Los Angeles, California dated November 6, 1944.
Letter to Washington Field dated December 1, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On November 28, 1944 a letter was directed to Mr. DAVID C. WATERS, Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Ysidro, California, requesting that this office be advised of subject's reentry into the United States.

On the same date a letter was directed to Mr. RAE V. VADER, Customs Service, San Ysidro, California, requesting that in the event subject reentered the United States through San Ysidro that his luggage and possessions be carefully inspected for anything of a suspicious nature and that this office be so advised.

On December 1, 1944 a letter was directed to the Washington Field Division requesting that they advise the headquarters of the Customs Service that instant stop had been placed.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California will, when the stop
notices herein referred to have served their
purpose, advise the San Diego Field Division
in order that they may be removed.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-2158

REPORT MADE AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA	DATE WHEN MADE 1-16-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-19,22-44	REPORT MADE BY HERMAN E. TICKEL ph
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of subject at USINS, Nogales, Ariz. Stop notice placed. GUSTAVO BENSON advised subject was in Mexico on mining business. Drove 1930 black Ford coupe automobile, California license number unknown. BENSON has no knowledge of subject being engaged in Communist activities. Subject never employed by BENSON. Reported to be presently residing 1634 North Fries Avenue, Box 422, Wilmington, Calif.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ELDON W. STUTZMAN, Los Angeles, dated 11-6-44.			
DETAILS: AT NOGALES, ARIZONA			
On December 19, 1944 Mr. FRED HILL, Immigration Inspector, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, endeavored to locate a record of subject in his files with negative results. He said as a general rule, the Immigration Service does not maintain records on citizens departing from the United States to Mexico. He said he would place a stop notice in his files, and in the event information is received concerning subject or in the event he attempt to enter or leave the United States, this office will be immediately notified.			
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Mr. GUSTAVO BENSON, owner of the Benson Money Exchange, Nogales, informed agent that subject has made several trips to Mexico for the purpose of attending to mining activities in that country. He was of the opinion that subject is a quiet type of individual who never talks much and who is well thought of in Mexico. He said subject drove a 1930 black Ford coupe automobile, California license number unknown, to Mexico. He is presently reported to be residing at 634 North Fries Avenue, Box 422, Wilmington, California. He is also believed by BENSON to be in possession of the above-mentioned 1930 Ford automobile at the present time. Mr. BENSON further advised agent that subject had given up his mining activities in Mexico, inasmuch as he is unable to get the necessary equipment. Mr. BENSON informed agent that subject has never been employed by him.

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SAC, Los Angeles

February 8, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to your letter dated January 20, 1945, in the above-captioned matter, stating that Mathison came to the Los Angeles Field Division on January 3, 1945, and expressed willingness to talk to an Agent at any time regarding his activities.

Referenced letter requested Bureau authority to interview subject under the pretext that you were interested in the transfer of funds to him in Mexico, and to obtain an explanation of their purpose. The Bureau does not feel that such an interview should be had at the present time. When Mathison was in your office you had the opportunity of obtaining background data and information from him, and any subsequent contact under a pretext such as you suggest would apparently serve no purpose other than to arouse his suspicions.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: January 20, 1945

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated September 6, 1944, and to the report of Special Agent ELDON W. STUTZMAN dated November 6, 1944, in the above-captioned matter.

On January 3, 1945, the subject called at the Los Angeles Field Division and stated that he had recently heard he was under investigation at Nogales, Arizona, and assumed that it was being made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since it is a nation-wide organization. It is noted, however, that the report of Special Agent HERMAN E. TICKEL dated September 15, 1944, at Phoenix reflects that an officer of Naval Intelligence had recently made inquiries there regarding the subject, and it is believed that U. S. Customs has done likewise.

On January 3d the subject stated he had severed all past connections with radical activities and is presently interested in mining operations in Mexico. He expressed willingness to talk to an agent at any time regarding his activities. He was not told he was under investigation. Recent intercepts furnished by the Office of Postal Censorship at Los Angeles apparently confirm the subject's claim that he is engaged in legitimate mining operations, and ED WONG, Chinese, states he has invested between \$6000 and \$7000 as a partner with the subject for prospecting and stationary machinery for mining in Mexico.

In view of the foregoing, permission is requested of the Bureau to interview the subject under the pretext that this office is interested in the transfer of funds to him in Mexico and for an explanation of their purpose. It is believed that such an interview will be of assistance to present investigation.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-662**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/29/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9, 11, 30; 11/14, 25; 12/5, 12, 13/44	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD H. DAVIS GIF
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ED WONG, Chinese partner of subject, on interview stated he puts in money and subject prospects for tungsten, copper and gold in Mexico. Subject's wife formerly employed as secretary at Broadway Department Store, Los Angeles; quit as a result of marital trouble with subject. Subject reported back in Los Angeles in November 1944. Pertinent excerpts from subject's mining contracts set forth. Results of mail cover and check of subject's bank account set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **ELDON W. STUTZMAN**, Los Angeles, November 6, 1944.

DETAILS:

On October 9, 1944 **ED WONG** was interviewed at his place of business, 1600 East Atlantic Street, which business at this address is the packing and shipping of vegetables. **WONG** was interviewed relative to his transmitting of money from the United States into Mexico. He stated that he had been associated with one **ALBERT TRIBOLET** in Guayamas, Sonora, Mexico on a farming deal whereby they raised tomatoes and bought Mexican produce for sale in the United States. This was a continuing deal and during the last year they did twenty carloads of business approximating \$30,000.00. **WONG** met subject **MATHISON** in Nogales, Arizona at Benson's Money Exchange. They formed a partnership in which **WONG** put in the money amounting to six or seven thousand dollars since November 1942 and subject prospects for tungsten, copper and gold. Some of the money goes for a stationery mill and other machinery and some for the expense of prospecting, according to **WONG**.

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WONG gave subject's mailing address as Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, and stated that subject was located northeast of Hermosillo near LaMisa at a place called Suaque. WONG related that at the present time MATHISON was in Mexico but stated that he comes up to Los Angeles about every ten weeks, and has been around Los Angeles for twenty years. He stated that he himself has farmed since 1932 and that he has a farm near San Clemente, California and that MATHISON used to mine in Baja California; that he has a mine near Yuma on the Arizona border.

According to WONG, there are only the two partners, himself and subject, and he, WONG, has been down to Mexico to see some of the activities as he stays in Nogales, Arizona during the Mexican tomato season and he has to renew business licenses in Mexico every six months.

WONG mentioned that he was known by the following people: HARRY WOLF, sales manager, R. T. Fletcher and Company, produce business, 206 Grand Avenue, Nogales, Arizona; Mr. ED HOLLER Jr., formerly with Benson's Money Exchange, and now with his own in Nogales; Mr. BENSON of Benson's Money Exchange, Nogales, Arizona. WONG has an account at the Security First National Bank in Nogales, Arizona, and works with a brother of TRIBOLET at 1600 East Atlantic Street. There is no connection between the farming and mining businesses and subject has no interest in the farm land in Mexico, which is under lease according to WONG.

WONG further related that he understood that subject's wife was employed at The Broadway Department Store in Los Angeles.

At The Broadway Department Store, Mr. L. M. NICHOLSON, personnel manager, advised that DOROTHY JEAN MATHISON had been employed until two weeks previous to October 11, 1944, as a secretary to the merchandising manager. According to Mr. NICHOLSON, she was very well thought of, very capable, and in a confidential position where she would come into information relative to personalities, but that she always kept her mouth shut. He further stated that she had worked less than a year and that a check of her past employment record had shown short employment stops. Mr. NICHOLSON stated he knew of Mrs. MATHISON'S husband through remarks she had dropped and that he understood he was a prospector in Arizona or elsewhere; further that five or six weeks ago Mrs. MATHISON had said her husband was coming to town and the store understood that he

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came in and told her he was through with her. She took some time off and then was so broken up she finally said she was going to quit and stay at home. According to NICHOLSON, they were taking her name off the record as of October 11th although they had tried to get her to come back to the job, and NICHOLSON volunteered that they understood her husband was some kind of a "screwball", always on the move. "SCREW BALL"

CHARLES PALLISARD, manager of the apartment house at 1100 South Berendo Street, Los Angeles, advised on October 27, 1944, that the MATHISONS had moved in about a year and a half ago, Mrs. MATHISON stating that her husband was a mining engineer and she an office secretary. PALLISARD stated that subject was in about two weeks ago and left right away. At that time he was driving an old car similar to the 1929 Ford coupe which the MATHISONS have standing at the side of the apartment house. Mr. PALLISARD stated that the subject appeared to be very close mouthed and that they never talked very much so he knew nothing of any ideas which the subject might have.

With reference to the photographic copies of contracts obtained through a confidential source, as set forth in the referenced report, a translation from the Spanish has been made of these documents and the following pertinent contents noted.

In a letter dated December 31, 1942 from subject to VICTOR BETRAN, he refers to BETRAN'S now being in Los Angeles and states that due to the war, it will not be possible to work much with gold mines because of the difficulty in obtaining materials for operation. He stated that in addition some Mexican friends of his in the Office of Mining in Mexico City, had advised him that the transaction transferring the Herradura Mine from BETRAN to himself would not be legal because the property was less than fifty kilometers from the coast.

A contract entered into between the subject and WILLIAM C. SCHIEWE in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico September 17, 1943, reflects that they have agreed on a contract for the exploitation of mines in Mexico, agreeing that they will equally divide all net earnings received as a result of work in such mines done with funds invested by SCHIEWE.

A contract entered into between VICTOR BETRAN and JESUS RODRIGUEZ, June 24, 1941 reflects that it is a transfer of RODRIGUEZ' rights in a mine described as Herradura #1, a gold and silver mine situated twenty five kilometers to the southeast of Puerto de Lobas, thirty kilometers to the north of Puerto de Libertad and 2,000 meters toward the north

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of the mining lot El-Guaty-2347 in the municipality of Caborca, Sonora. A letter dated February 25, 1942 to Mr. JAMES CARDOSO, 206 East 95th Street, Los Angeles, from the Federal Finance Office, Department of Special Taxes, Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, refers to statements of fee numbers 234695 and 234697 in the value of \$33.00 and \$62.70 previously sent to the addressee.

With regard to the photograph of a group of individuals around a 1938 Chevrolet, California license 5-A-7143, which as set forth in the referenced report Confidential Source E advised was in subject's possession, the California Department of Motor Vehicles advised on October 5, 1944 that this license in 1940 stood in the name of Mrs. LLOYD D. BARHAM, Box 422, Wilmington, California. Further, on March 12, 1941 this car was purchased from the Wilcox Chevrolet Company, 304 East Anaheim Boulevard, Wilmington, by ALMA and ELMER STRICKER. It should be noted that Box 422 is the box maintained by the subject.

According to Source A Mrs. DOROTHY JEAN MATHISON was employed at Todd's Shipyard, Wilmington, California and in her personnel record listed her sister as Mrs. L. D. BARHAM, 4527 Orange Avenue, San Diego and her mother as MURIEL WARKENTIN, 1371 - 45th Street, San Francisco.

Source A also advised in this regard that Mrs. MATHISON gave as references Mrs. DONALD YOUNGMAN, Pier 188, Wilmington, California, Miss LILLIAN CRANE, Alberta Apartments, Long Beach, California, and Mrs. MABEL L. WRAY, 415 Elm Avenue, Long Beach. Mrs. MATHISON, according to this source, had the following prior employment record:

- 1943 - Associated Banning, Pier 188, Wilmington, California.
- 1942 - Consolidated Steel, Wilmington, California.
- 1939 - Byron Scott, Long Beach, California.
- 1937 - National Broadcasting Company, San Francisco and Hollywood.

Special Agent ELDON W. STUTZMAN ascertained on October 30, 1944 that the subject had received at Post Office Box 422, Wilmington, California, the following mail:

October 4, 1944 from ARNOLDO MORENO, F. S. A. Sucursal Maquinaria Agricola Oliver, Bombas Turbinas Pomona Combustibles y Lubrificantes, Richfield, Calle Matamoros 157 Sur, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

October 21, 1944 Farmers and Merchants Bank, Long Beach, California.

October 23, 1944 American Smelting and Mining Company, 4010 East 26th Street, Los Angeles (apparently an assay sheet).

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According to Source B there was received a letter addressed to BERTHA PATTERSON, General Delivery, Box 422, Wilmington, California, postmarked November 6, 1944 with return address 306 Kresge Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a letter addressed to JEAN MATHISON, Box 422, Wilmington, California from the Maritime Book Shop, 266 West 6th Street, San Pedro, California. Source B advised that the subject had been in for his mail a couple of weeks previous to October 30, 1944.

Agent STUTZMAN ascertained on November 14, 1944 through Confidential Source C that a review of subject's bank account at the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Long Beach, California reflected that on October 4, he had made a check for ARNOLDO MORENO in the amount of \$20.80 and on October 11th and 20th, checks to G. BENSON for \$100.00, all of which checks were returned marked "Notsufficient funds". On October 23rd he made out a check to C. MARTINEZ for \$100.00, which check was deposited in a bank in Hermosillo, Mexico, and on October 21, 1944 he made out a check to G. BENSON for \$120.83, which check was deposited by BENSON in the First National Bank of Nogales. On October 20, 1944 he made out a check to BOB BERRITT, for \$46.42, which check was deposited in Tucson, Arizona. His account showed a balance as of November 14, 1944 of \$9.13.

~~On November 25, 1944 Agent STUTZMAN was advised by Confidential National Defense Informant [] that Mrs. MATHISON was formerly employed by BYRON SCOTT, United States Congressman from Long Beach, California, and that she was fired by SCOTT because of her searching of his confidential file on Naval Affairs, which file he had developed while on the Naval Affairs Committee.~~

Agent STUTZMAN was also advised by this informant that he had been informed by one of his informants that MATHISON was back in Los Angeles working as a projectionist and keeping very odd hours.

On December 7, 1944 a check of the apartment house at 11th and Berendo, reflected that the 1929 Ford coupe, 83-U-767 which is registered to the subject, was not in the vicinity. A subsequent check on December 12th also failed to reflect this automobile; however, on December 13th it was noted that the car was parked at the side of the apartment house at 7:50 A. M. and that it had been repainted from black to a midnight blue color. A surveillance of two hours failed to reflect anyone coming out to move the car. It should be noted that prior to subject's return to Los Angeles this Ford coupe was apparently, as determined through observation, not moved, but left parked for a considerable period of time in the street next to the apartment house.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION:

At Nogales, Arizona will, at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Border Station, check the records for September 1944 to ascertain if subject crossed the border into Mexico, and if so, under what name or alias, his reason for crossing, and under what authority, noting that the Washington Field Division has advised that the subject applied for a renewal of his passport on August 20, 1943 for a contemplated trip of six months duration to Mexico for the purpose of mining interests and that the passport was refused by the State Department on September 16, 1943. A refusal notice was placed in the file.

Will place a stop with INS to be advised of subject's entry into Mexico or return to the United States and will make further arrangements for the subject's possessions to be carefully inspected at the Customs office in the event he travels through the Nogales Port of Entry, noting that subject was reported in Los Angeles in November 1944.

Will discreetly interview GUSTAVO BENSON, relative to subject's activities in Mexico and will endeavor to find out the make and license number of the automobile subject is presently driving. In connection with this interview it should be noted that as set out in the details of the referenced report the subject has apparently been previously employed by Benson and BENSON should be impressed with the fact that he should keep the interview confidential.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California will recontact CHARLES PALLISARD, manager of the apartment house at 1100 South Berendo, for any information he may have obtained relative to the subject's activities since his return to Los Angeles.

Will ascertain the subject's employment and activities in Los Angeles at the present time.

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- SOURCE A - EVERETT W. BROWN
Manager, Plant Protection Department
Todd's Shipyard
Wilmington, California
- SOURCE B - J. W. MacCABE
Superintendent,
United States Post Office
Wilmington, California
- SOURCE C - W. R. HORTON
Assistant Cashier, Farmers & Merchants Bank
14th and American Avenue
Long Beach, California.

(ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMANTS REQUESTED THAT THEIR NAMES
BE MAINTAINED CONFIDENTIAL).

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-662**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 3-19-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-17--29; 2-1--12, 19, 21; 3-12--14-45	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD J. SEARS	CMC
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFER 5 IS

Subject has moved and presently resides at 1214 West 30th Street, Los Angeles with his wife. He is employed as a motion picture projectionist. Correspondence during 1944 between subject and his wife and ED WONG, Chinese partner of subject, dealt exclusively with mining operations conducted by subject in Mexico.

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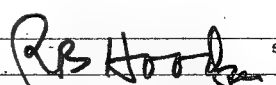
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent HOWARD H. DAVIS, dated January 29, 1945 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the subject returned to his apartment at 1100 South Berendo, Los Angeles just prior to Christmas, 1944, and remained there over the holiday period. In conversations with the informant he indicated that prior to that time he had been in Mexico engaged in mining operations. During the holiday period he did not appear to be engaged in any type of work and generally remained in his apartment and kept no regular hours. However, he received frequent telephone calls over the telephone listed for the apartment house in which he lived. The informant had occasion to overhear the subject's end of these conversations and judged from statements made by the subject that he was engaged in some sort of promotional activity. Most of these conversations had to do with mining operations and reference was made to the time at which work would be started and it would appear that subject was trying to interest his callers in some mining proposition.

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On approximately January 2 or 3, 1945 the subject departed from his apartment and advised that he was proceeding to Arizona. It was informant's belief that he intended to go to Tucson, Arizona. At that time the subject also talked about moving to Tucson to live permanently but he did not mention in what type of business he proposed to engage there. It was also indicated that the subject was having some difficulty with his wife and after his departure for Arizona his wife stated that she was tired of living alone and that she was going to give up her job and make her husband support her if he insisted on going away again.

Confidential informant T-2 advised that the subject had personal property stored in the basement of the apartment at 1100 South Berendo which consisted largely of miscellaneous correspondence, most of which belonged to the subject's wife. However, the informant stated that he had noticed that there was an account book of the subject's reflecting the expense of mining operations in Mexico in 1941. In this book he set forth salaries paid to employees, and expenses of equipment used in mining operations. Informant also stated that there was a letter from the subject to his wife in 1941 stating that he was to begin operations on his mine in the early part of 1942. Informant also noticed a film album which contained numerous negatives all of which were apparently taken while the subject was a merchant seaman. The informant noticed that one of the negatives was a view of the Panama Canal and pictures of other seamen as well as scenes aboard ship. The informant did not have an opportunity to examine all the negatives but noted that they appeared to be aged. There were none noted which indicated they were taken in Russia.

Informant stated that there was a copy of a novel published in 1924 entitled "Radio Buster", of which VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON was the author. The book cover contained the information that the author had written for many radio magazines and had published other novels.

Confidential informant T-1 stated that he had had occasion to visit in the subject's apartment and had noted that the subject had very little personal property there. He had no desk or papers and the informant noticed nothing believed to be of value to this investigation.

T-1 advised that the subject returned to his apartment in Los Angeles on January 19, 1945 and immediately thereafter announced that he intended to move and while he did not give his destination, indicated that he was to return to Mexico. During the following two week period the subject remained in the apartment most of the time.

By surveillance it was ascertained that the subject was driving a 1931 black Ford coupe bearing 1944 license number 11 Y 282. This car was registered to HULDA S. LATHROP, 4927 Eldred Street, Los Angeles. He also owned a 1930 Ford coupe, blue in color, bearing license number 83 U 767.

There was no record of this license in the files of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the year 1944 and at the time of the inquiry the 1943 records had been destroyed.

On January 3, 1945, the subject called at the Los Angeles Field Division and stated that he had recently heard that inquiry was being made regarding him at Nogales, Arizona and he assumed that the inquiries were made by the F.B.I. since it is a nation wide organization. Subject wished to complain regarding being, as he stated, continually investigated and he said that he did not mind personally but that it had caused embarrassment to his wife. He volunteered the information that he was formerly active in radical activities and had been chairman for the publicity committee for a union strike during 1934 and also that he had gone to Russia in 1933. He was emphatic in stating that he had severed all radical connections in 1934 and claimed that he no longer subscribed to left wing publications. He added that he was formerly a radio operator but was now interested in mining operations in Mexico. He was not told that he was under investigation.

On February 3, 1945 it was ascertained by surveillance that the subject moved from 1100 South Berendo to 1214 West 30th Street, Los Angeles. At the time he moved he did not leave a forwarding address with the management of the apartment in which he resided but stated that this information had been furnished the postal authorities. On the same date it was ascertained that the subject's wife is presently employed at the Kelly Koett Company, 2514 West 7th Street, Los Angeles.

It was ascertained at the office of the Department of Building and Safety of the City of Los Angeles that on the first of January, 1945, the subject had renewed his projectionist's license by sending in the fee required for the current year. On about January 20, 1945 he completed this application and showed that from January 1 to January 19th he was engaged as a projectionist in Sonora, Mexico. It is noted that this information is not correct inasmuch as, at least for a portion of this time, subject was in Los Angeles.

Confidential informant T-3 was contacted and advised that on October 23, 1943, the subject had written a letter from Magdalena Senora, Mexico to JOHN ROBERTSON, 605 North Huntington, Monterey Park, Los Angeles, California, in which he described current mining activities he was engaged in in Mexico. The writer mentioned that he had filed on a lead mine because it carried sufficient gold and silver to make it interesting, and that he had already shipped several carloads of ore to Arizona. He mentioned that the mine was located about twelve miles from the site of a large mill to be constructed by the American Smelting and Refining Company. It is noted that the reference report refers to a letter believed to be an assay sheet received by the subject on October 23, 1944 in which this concern's address is given as 4010 East 26th Street, Los Angeles.

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Informant T-3 was also able to furnish a summary of the contents of approximately nine letters exchanged between the subject, while in Mexico, and ED WONG, 4040 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, during the year 1944. It will be recalled that ED WONG has been previously identified as a partner of the subject who has stated he has invested approximately \$7,000.00 with the subject since November, 1942 for prospecting and mining operations. The subject matter of the letters made available to T-3 deals exclusively with mining operations being carried on by the subject. The letter dated May 22, 1944 states that he has just arrived from Datil, Mexico with two truckloads of machinery and has recently received cyaniding permits from Mexico City and hopes soon to have things under way. Letters in June and July of 1944 relate difficulty experienced with a mechanic he had employed and a request for funds to cover additional expenses. He relates the difficulty of obtaining fuel to operate machinery and mentions that heavy rains have delayed work on the mine. Letters from ED WONG to the subject in July and August of 1944 request information regarding progress being made, and advise that additional money has been cabled. ED WONG stated in one of the letters that he had invested all of his capital with the subject and was planning to take a trip to Mexico regarding the mines. In a letter to ED WONG, dated September 8, 1944 subject states that the mill is finished and ready to be taken to the mine and that money is owed to the shop that did the work. He asks WONG to forward \$350.00 to him.

Confidential informant T-3 was also able to furnish a summary of correspondence between the subject and his wife during the year 1944, and this also had to do with mining operations being carried on by the subject, much of it repeating the information furnished to ED WONG. One of these letters bore the return address La Misa Sonora, Mexico and it is noted that it is at this place that ED WONG, in reference report, stated subject's mine was located.

In a letter dated August 23, 1944, the subject requested his wife to draw \$50.00 from the bank and send it to EDGAR BALL, 624 1/2 South La Brea. The purpose of this payment was not mentioned in the letter.

On December 22, 1944, the subject was in Los Angeles and wrote a letter to MARCELINO SOTELO, LA MISA, Sonora, Mexico. This letter discussed plans for selling the mine. He stated that he had discussed the matter with R. P. DAVIS and that DAVIS wished to send an engineer to check on the report furnished by the subject. The subject stated he assumed that a cash sale for \$50,000.00 would be satisfactory. It is noted that one R. P. M. DAVIS, Liberty Mines, 2426 Hollyridge Drive, Los Angeles, is listed in the Los Angeles City Directory. In an earlier letter to the same individual dated November 25, 1944, the subject wrote that he had talked with the following persons in Los Angeles regarding the sale of a mine, having given the price as \$75,000.00: P. K. WISEMAN, LOUIS STUTZ, H. W. KELLER, FRANK WICKS, G. BURMEISTER and A. FABIAN.

The Los Angeles City Directory lists ~~one~~ LOUIS J. ~~STUTZ~~, manufacturing agent, 122 East 7th Street; HENRY W. ~~KELLER~~, real estate broker, 124 West 4th Street; FRANK WICKS, engineer, 6816 Holmes Avenue; P. K. WISEMAN, mining engineer, connected with Wiseman and Mudd, 523 West 6th Street. This letter also contained an assay certificate signed by ~~ED. EISENHAUER, JR.~~ 320-22 South San Pedro Street, dated October 17, 1944, and made out to J. ~~MATHISON~~.

T-3 also advised of a letter of the subject to J. P. SANDERS, Nogales, Arizona, in which the subject stated regarding the loss of thermos bottles which he was carrying for SANDERS between Nogales, Arizona and Hermosillo, Mexico, that he was carrying such heavy mining machinery which had to be hidden under bed linens and towels when train was inspected by pullman official, in the resulting confusion the thermos bottles were lost.

Confidential informant T-4 advised that since the subject has resided at 1214 West 30th Street he has mentioned to the informant that he was working as a projectionist at a motion picture theater on Main Street in Los Angeles. In this connection he mentioned that he often worked very long hours and could work as much as he wished since the theaters had difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of projectionists. On Saturday and Sunday nights prior to the institution of a national curfew, the subject worked all night and he still works from 4:30 P.M. to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. The informant was not advised as to his schedule on other days of the week but he noted that some of the days earlier in the week he works during daylight hours. The subject's wife is also regularly employed and leaves for her employment about 8 A.M. and returns about 6 P.M. Informant stated that the subject and his wife when they were at home had no visitors and very seldom went out. They do not have a telephone in their apartment and on only one occasion have they received any messages through their neighbor's phone.

Informant has heard the subject mention that he was employed at the Banner Theater on Main Street. This information has not been confirmed as of this date but it was noted that the subject's car has been parked in a parking lot within a block of the Banner Theater. It has also been ascertained from this informant that the subject has sold the 1930 Ford coupe which he owned and the 1945 license plates for his 1931 Ford bear the number 53 U 678.

Informant stated that he had heard the subject advise his landlord that he might receive mail under the name DARNELL and he explained this was due to the fact that he was writing western stories for a San Francisco publication house under the name DARNELL.

In conversation with the informant the subject has also mentioned his mining operations in Mexico stating that he made a good

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business of it but that he had given it up for the duration of the war due to difficulty in obtaining supplies and employees.

A re-check of the subject's checking account at the Farmers and Merchants Bank, 14th and American Avenue, Wilmington, reflected no activity.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will ascertain the reliability of officials of American Smelting and Mining Company, 4010 East 26th Street, and if determined to be reliable will contact regarding their knowledge of subject's mining activities in Mexico.

Will ascertain the reliability of R.P.M. DAVIS, Liberty Mines, 2426 Hollyridge Drive, Los Angeles, and if deemed advisable will contact regarding his business dealings with the subject in an effort to ascertain whether the subject was engaged in legitimate mining activities.

Will develop information regarding individuals mentioned by the subject in letter dated November 25, 1944, as set out on page four of this report, and will contact for information regarding subject's activities in Mexico and the purpose of the contact.

Will report the results of additional interviews with confidential informant T-3 and T-4.

Will report the results of mail cover on subject's new address, 1214 West 30th Street.

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INFORMANT T-1 CHARLES ~~PALLISARD~~, manager of apartment house, 1100 South Berendo, Los Angeles.

INFORMANT T-2 A confidential source made available by CHARLES PALLISARD.

INFORMANT T-3 Office of Postal Censorship, Los Angeles, California.

INFORMANT T-4 SABINA ~~FEIDLER~~, 1214 West 30th Street, Los Angeles who is the owner of the apartment in which subject is residing.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **100-662**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6-15-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-21, 26; 4-12, 26, 28, 30; 5-2, 16, 19, 22; 6-5-45	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD J. SEARS MDL
TITLE <u>Changed:</u> VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, with aliases Volney Mathieson, Volney G. Mathieson, Gerald Matthewson, Matthew Blake, John G. Mathisen, J. Hall, V. G. Mathesan, D. J. Mathison, V. G. Mathison, Darrell Mathison, Darrell Martin, Carl Martin Darrell			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Subject working full time as motion picture projectionist for the Popkin & Ringer Theaters, Los Angeles. Informants advise that over period of years subject has apparently been active in mining operations in Mexico and had a financial interest in a mine owned by MARCELINO SOTELO near Lamasia, Senora, Mexico, which he was endeavoring to sell in the spring of 1945. Subject's activities not connected with activities of the Communist Party, and no evidence that subject is presently associated with or assisting Soviet Agents in the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p>			
Reference: Bureau file 61-7749. Report of Special Agent HOWARD J. SEARS, dated March 19, 1945, at Los Angeles.			
Details: The title is changed to add the name CARL MARTIN DARRELL, a known alias of the subject, which was not previously reflected in the title.			
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: PATRICK A. MacINTOSH, manager of the Banner Theater, 458 South Main Street, Los Angeles, advised that the subject has been employed for approximately four months as a full-time motion picture projectionist by the			
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Popkin and Ringer Theaters in Los Angeles. The subject works his regular schedule at the Banner Theater, and during the entire time of his employment has worked an unusually large amount of overtime either at the Banner Theater or at other theaters in Los Angeles operated by the above theater chain.

Confidential Informant T-1 has been recontacted on several occasions since the referenced report, and this informant advises that the subject and his wife have not been known to engage in any unusual sort of activity. Except at the time the subject departs for work he and his wife very seldom leave their residence, and they have practically no visitors. The subject has not discussed himself to any great extent other than to mention his employment at the Banner Theater. They appear to be friendly with their immediate neighbors, and one of these neighbors has visited in their home and advised the informant she noticed no papers or magazines which would indicate any Communist interest on the part of the subject at the present time.

Confidential Informant T-2 stated that he had had contact with the subject on a few occasions when subject had brought samples of ore to be assayed. Informant explained, of course, he had no way of knowing where the ore originated, but that on each occasion the subject had stated that he was engaged in mining operations in Mexico and that the ore in question had come from mines with which he was connected. He recalled that the subject seemed to be fairly well acquainted with the mining industry, but the only associate of the subject that he recalled was one ALEX CONLIN, whom the informant knew to be an individual of poor reputation who had often been involved in shady gold mining deals; however, the informant knew of nothing of a subversive nature regarding CONLIN, and the files of the Los Angeles Field Division are negative as to him.

Officials of the American Smelting and Mining Company, 4010 East 26th Street, were unable to locate any correspondence they had had with the subject, although it is recalled the referenced report contained information that the subject had received mail from this company.

Mr. JOHN ROYSTEN, manager, Wildberg Brothers Smelting and Refining Company, 635 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, recalled his company had had business dealings with the subject in 1940. At that time they made gold assays on ore which the subject stated had been obtained by the Playtime Mining Company. Mr. ROYSTEN stated they had had no dealings with the subject since 1940.

Confidential Informant T-3 was interviewed regarding his business associations with the subject. Informant advised that he was contacted by

the subject due to the fact that informant has a reputation of being interested in mining property, and the subject had heard he might possibly be interested in buying an interest in a gold mine. Informant advised that the mining company was one on which the subject had an arrangement whereby the subject had erected a mill and other processing equipment to handle the ore taken from a mine near Lamasia, Mexico. It was the informant's understanding that the subject had no financial interest whatsoever in the ore itself but only handling the milling equipment. The mine was owned by MARCELINO SOTELO as representative of a Mexican family. The mine was originally discovered in June of 1941, according to the official papers held by the family, but the informant had learned through investigation that ore had been shipped from it as early as 1939. Due to circumstances which led the informant to believe he possibly would be interested in the mine, he had employees of his trained in such matters to make a trip to the mine at Lamasia, Mexico, and as a result of their investigations he had ascertained the mine actually existed and that the subject had been active in connection with it.

It was the informant's opinion that MATHISON knows very little about mining, and the equipment which he had employed was of a hybrid nature which no successful gold miner would employ; however, throughout all his dealings the informant stated he had been greatly impressed by MATHISON's straightforwardness and honesty. He had never exaggerated or tried to hide any information regarding the mine, and such mistakes as he had made in reporting regarding the mine had been to the subject's disadvantage. This impressed the informant inasmuch as he stated it was customary for persons dealing with gold mines, particularly of the type here involved, to greatly exaggerate the value and other factors concerning it. Informant stated MATHISON advised him he had invested or caused to be invested between \$8000 and \$10,000 as his part of the deal for processing gold from the mine, but that he had now become discouraged because of his inability to obtain equipment and because the ore had not proved as valuable as he believed, and he was willing to sell his interest in the milling equipment and get out of the mining business at least until after the war. The informant explained he was not in a position to positively say that MATHISON had engaged in full-time mining business in Mexico, but certainly he was in a position to say MATHISON was associated in a mining enterprise and that all other representations of his had been accurate and MATHISON had told him he had been engaged full time in its operation.

A thirty-day mail cover placed on the subject's residence on March 17, 1945, revealed but one contact of the subject not previously known. This was LAURENCE R. D'ORSAY, Topanga, California. The letter in question was addressed to Mr. C. M. DARREL. The files of the Los Angeles Office are

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negative as to LAURENCE R. D'ORSAY. The mail cover also revealed that the subject received a letter addressed to C. M. DARREL from RUTH GRAVES, Secretary, Criticism Department, Writer's Digest, 22 East 12th Street, Cincinnati 10, Ohio. It is recalled that the subject previously advised his landlord that he might receive mail under the name DARRELL which he often used in writing. During the period of the mail cover it was noticed that Mrs. MATHISON, the subject's wife, received a letter from "In Fact", Inc., 25 Astor Place, New York 3, New York.

Due to the nature of the information developed showing that subject was engaged in mining operations, the lead to contact other individuals with whom the subject has had contacts regarding his business dealings in Mexico is being disregarded.

Inasmuch as the investigation over a period of months has indicated subject until the fall of 1944 was engaged in legitimate mining activities in Mexico and at the present time is engaged full time as a motion picture projectionist, and further because there has been no evidence indicating that he is presently active as a Communist or is presently associated with or assisting Soviet Agents in the United States, this case is being closed.

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T-1 - SABINA FIEDLER, 1214 West 30th Street, Los Angeles, owner of the apartment in which the subject is residing.

T-2 - EDWARD EISENHauer, JR., 322 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, assayer employed by Federal Reserve in the Los Angeles area.

T-3 - R. P. M. DAVIS, Liberty Mines, 2426 Hollyridge Drive, Los Angeles. Mr. DAVIS is a retired capitalist who since 1931 has been the principal owner of the Liberty Hill Gold Mines, a California corporation, and has extensive interests in other mining property.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **100-662**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/15/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/19/47	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. HENRY JEJ
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MATHISON born 8/13/97 at Blanche, Texas. His father born in Denmark and his mother in France. His wife, DOROTHY JEAN, was born 7/18/07 at Huntington, Indiana of parents born in the US.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 61-7749

DETAILS:

The records of Local Draft Board 1, Tucson, Arizona and of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Los Angeles, California both reflect that VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON was born on August 13, 1897 at Blanche, Colton County, Texas. The Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company records also show that his father was born in Denmark and his mother was born in France.

The records of the Consolidated Steel Corporation, Wilmington, California, reflect that his wife, DOROTHY JEAN MATHISON, was born July 18, 1907 at Huntington, Indiana and that her father, ROBERT F. ASHLEY, was born in Kentucky and her mother, NELLIE ASHLEY was born in Oklahoma.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: April 16, 1948

SUBJECT: VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was.
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 Gerald Matthewson, Darrell Mathison, Darrell Martin,
 Matthew Blake, John G. Mathison, Carl Martin Darrell,
 Chester Jordon
 SECURITY MATTER - C
 Bureau file 61-7749

Investigation in instant case has revealed that subject, with aliases above captioned, has an additional alias CHESTER JORDON which is being set out.

The change in title is being reflected on the enclosed FD 119.

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November 12, 1948

SAC, Los Angeles

RE: VALNEY GEORGE MATHISON, WAS.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(LA 100-662)

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent Howard J. Sears dated 6-15-45 at Los Angeles.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such a threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 3/25/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1, 10, 23/48; 1/14, 24, 26, 28, 31; 2/4, 14/49	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE J. NAGEL sac
TITLE VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was;			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
Volney Mathieson, J. Hall, V. G. Matheson, Volney G. Mathieson, D. J. Mathison, V. G. Mathison, Gerald Matthewson, Darrell Mathison, Darrell Martin, Matthew Blake, John G. Mathison, Carl Martin Darrell, Chester Jordon			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **MATHISON continues to reside at 1214 West 30th Street, Los Angeles, California, and is temporarily unemployed. No Communist activities reported.**

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 61-7749

DETAILS:

Residence:

VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON is presently residing at 1214 West 30th Street, Los Angeles, California, according to Mrs. L. E. FIEDLER, a neighbor who was contacted under pretext.

Employment:

According to Mrs. FIEDLER, MATHISON is presently temporarily unemployed.

Activities:

Reports furnished by confidential informants in the Los Angeles area fail to indicate that MATHISON is presently active in Communist matters in the Los Angeles area.

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Director, FBI

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VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was.
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Your file 100-662
Bureau file 61-7749

Re report of SA George G. Nagel dated March 25, 1949, at your office. Your attention is directed to the Bureau's letter of November 12, 1948, which requested you to carefully appraise this case and if it appears that this subject, based on his present position and activities or on his past position and activities, cannot be considered a threat to the internal security you should consider the advisability of cancelling the Security Index card.

In view of the negative information contained in referenced report, it is requested that you advise the Bureau of your opinion as to whether the Security Index card should be continued or cancelled. If you believe the card should be continued please advise of the reasons therefor.

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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: July 19, 1949

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: VOLNEY GEORGE MATHISON, was
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Rebulet dated 6/30/49.

It is recommended that this individual be removed from the Security Index. As reflected in the last report in this case, it appears that the Subject is not currently active and does not present a threat to internal security at the present time.

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